Reviews the Report on the Working of the Sanitary Board, Kolar Gold Fields during 1929-30.

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Report on the working of the Sanitary Board, Kolar Gold Fields, for the year 1929-30, received with President's letter No. C. 2—30-31, dated 20th September 1930.

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2. *Constitution.*—The area under the control of the Board was the same as in the previous year. The Board consisted of 18 members of whom 7 were *ex-officio* and the remaining 11 non-officials. Of the latter, 7 were nominated by the Mining Board, 3 were elected by the rate payers of Robertsonpet, and Andersonpet and the remaining one was nominated by Government to represent the remaining area under the jurisdiction of Board.

Five ordinary, one adjourned and two special meetings were held during the year and the average attendance was 5·75 officials and 7·50 non-officials.

3. *Committees.*—Seven Committees worked during the year. The subjects referred to them were the following:—

(1) Compilation of Account Rules.
(2) Improvement of water supply.
(3) Hearing appeals and objections against assessment.
(4) Examination of the question of levy of tax on shops and other places of business.
(5) Bringing Oorgaum, Sonnakuppam, Marikuppam Villages and Andersonpet under the direct administration of the Board, without constituting Village Panchayets therefor.
(6) Re-distribution of electric lights and reduction of expenditure under lighting.
(7) Taking measures for holding market and cattle show on 24th December 1929.

The Committees appointed for scrutinising the compilation of the Account Rules, and examining the question of levy of shop-tax, etc., did not meet during the year. The other Committees held 5 meetings in all the attendance being fairly good.

4. *Finance.*—The income and expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 1,46,763 and Rs. 1,36,414 respectively and the year closed with a balance of Rs. 7,867. The receipts and expenditure under service heads amounted to Rs. 1,05,456 and Rs. 1,05,952 respectively. The transactions of the Village Panchayets were separated from the Board's account during the year and a sum of Rs. 4,245 was received from the Village Panchayets, towards the contribution payable by them to the Board on account of Sanitary charges in accordance with Government Order No. L. 1248—51—V. P. 27-27-16, dated 15th August 1929. The principal items of revenue consisted as usual of—(1) Market collections, (2) Contribution of local cess, and (3) House, shop and vehicle taxes and conservancy cess, the income from these sources being Rs. 29,608, Rs. 12,846 and Rs. 17,112 respectively. In addition to the contribution of Rs. 4,245 received from the Panchayets for sanitary charges, the Board also received a contribution of Rs. 6,000 from the Mining Board for meeting maintenance of the Maternity Hospital. The total demand including arrears under house and other taxes amounted to Rs. 15,126 out of which a sum of Rs. 8,636 was collected during the year, the percentage of collection to demand being 57 against 53 in the previous year. The arrears are heavy and the collection work should proceed more briskly.

5. The principal items of expenditure were conservancy and sanitation and water supply, the expenditure incurred being Rs. 35,849 and Rs. 23,025 respectively.

6. *Public Health and Sanitation.*—The number of births and deaths per mille of population was 37·05 and 24·72 against 38·12 and 24·48 respectively in the previous year. Infant mortality was 628 against 665 last year. The Sanitary Board area was free from Cholera and also Plague except for 5 cases of plague resulting in one death. There were 54 attacks and 14 deaths from small-pox. The number of vaccinations performed was 9, 587 against 21,161 in the previous year. The reason for the large decrease should have been explained. The total number of patients treated in Medical institutions was 52,642 against 45,610 in the previous year. An expenditure of Rs. 1,762 was incurred during the year for the maintenance of the Child Welfare Centre at Robertsonpet.

7. The working of the Board continued to be satisfactory.

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